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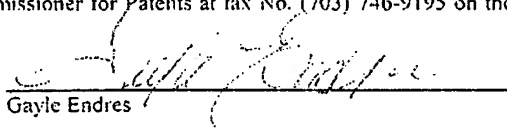
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Title: SECURE DETECTION NETWORK SYSTEM
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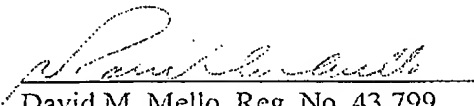
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Dear Sir:

In response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed November 17, 2003 (copy attached), please note that continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 was indeed provided on the first page of the specification (copy attached), and was listed on page 2 of 4 of the Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney form as filed with this patent application on June 20, 2003 (copy attached). Accordingly, Applicant's request that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued to include the Domestic Priority data --09/441,403 11/16/99-- as claimed by applicant and as evidenced by the attachments. A copy of the Request for Correction to Filing Receipt which Applicants filed on October 22, 2003 is attached herewith. For your information, please be aware that the serial number identified on the Notice mailed November 17, 2003 is incorrect. The correct serial number is 09/441,403, not 09/411,403.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to your request for a corrected Filing Receipt, the Office is unable to comply with the request because:

- ☐ The priority or continuity claim has not been entered because it was not filed during the required time period. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority. See 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78.
- ☒ Continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) in an Application Data Sheet or amendment to the first page of the specification. 09/441,403
- ☐ A claim for priority cannot be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim.
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- ☐ The application(s) to which priority is claimed were filed over a year prior to the filing date of this

application. Therefore, the referenced application(s) cannot be claimed as domestic or foreign priority.

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SECURE DETECTION NETWORK SYSTEMCross References to Related Applications

[0001] This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) from co-pending, commonly owned U.S. provisional patent application serial number 60/390,204, entitled *WEAPON DETECTION METHOD AND SYSTEM*, filed June 20, 2002 and U.S.
5 provisional patent application serial number 60/390,205, entitled *ORTHOGONAL SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR PROTECTING HIGH RISK INFRASTRUCTURE*, filed June 20, 2002.

[0002] This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 from co-pending, commonly owned U.S. non-provisional patent application serial number 09/441,403, ←
10 filed November 16, 1999.

Statement of Government Interest

[0003] The U.S. Government has no interest in or to the present invention.

Field of the Invention

[0004] The inventive concepts relate to systems and methods for ensuring security of
15 sensitive assets. More specifically, the present inventions relates to systems and methods that implement secure communications to ensure security of the sensitive assets.

Background

[0005] There has been a recognition that the United States is at risk of the delivery of weapons of mass destruction to its ports by enemies employing a strategy of hiding such a
20 weapon in a shipping container. Various schemes have been proposed for x-raying containers or otherwise examining containers as they are loaded on ships in the foreign port. Such schemes,

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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
SECURE DETECTION NETWORK SYSTEM

the specification of which

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☒ is attached hereto.

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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

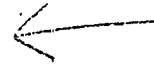
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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<u>60/390,205</u>	<u>June 20, 2002</u>
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)
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(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)



I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U. S. C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C. F. R., Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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